



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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**TOMORROW: TREASURER WOODEN, LEGISLATIVE
LEADERS, ADVOCATES AND ECONOMISTS CELEBRATE CT
BABY BONDS PROGRAM BECOMING AVAILABLE FOR
CHILDREN BORN INTO POVERTY**

***WOODEN OFFERS NATION A MODEL PROGRAM TO COMBAT
GENERATIONAL POVERTY AND NARROW WEALTH GAP***

Hartford, CT - Tomorrow, Thursday, July 1 at 10:00 AM, Connecticut State Treasurer Shawn T. Wooden will be joined by subject matter experts and federal and local elected officials to celebrate the enactment of CT Baby Bonds, a legislative program championed by Treasurer Wooden designed to combat generational poverty, narrow the racial wealth gap and spur long-term economic growth. Starting tomorrow, July 1, 2021, CT Baby Bonds will be available to babies born into poverty whose births are covered by HUSKY, Connecticut's Medicaid program.

Media planning to attend can RSVP to michelle.woods-matthews@ct.gov.

WHO:

- Treasurer Wooden
- U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal
- Speaker of the House of Representatives Matt Ritter
- State Rep. Gerry Reyes, Deputy Speaker, representing Waterbury, Chairman of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus
- State Rep. Bobby Gibson, representing Bloomfield and Windsor, Vice Chair of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus
- Dr. Naomi Zewde
- Talisha Tirado, expecting mother whose pregnancy will qualify to receive CT Baby Bonds

WHEN: Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 10:00 AM

WHERE: 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT 06106, *entrance facing West St. Entrance to the building facing West St. with the revolving doors.*

***Please note:** *We ask that everyone wears a mask and remains 6 ft apart.*

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